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To: Delta Plan Implementation Committee Members
From: Randy Fiorini, Chair
Subject: Upcoming Implementation Committee Meeting on April 9, 2014

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Thank you for your commitment to participate as your agency's representative on the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee. The inaugural meeting will be held on the morning of Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at the Embassy Suites, 100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA.

Working closely with our federal and state partners is our highest priority and the timing, as you know, could not be more critical. The upcoming Committee meeting will be a significant event highlighting multi-agency cooperation toward achieving the goals of water supply reliability for the state and ecosystem restoration and health in the Delta. A crisis such as the current drought is when the coequal goals will be challenged the most and serves as a reminder of why we must maintain momentum on long-term planning and investment.

A primary responsibility of the Delta Stewardship Council is to help coordinate the numerous activities of local, state and federal agencies that have responsibilities directly related to water, ecosystem and the Delta. A key discussion item for April 9 will be the complementary aspects of the *Federal Investments for the California Bay-Delta Region*, the *California Water Action Plan*, and the Delta Stewardship Council's *Delta Plan*. This intersection of state, federal, and Delta efforts when time and resources could benefit greatly from increased coordination presents a fitting use of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee public venue. It will also be an opportunity to showcase the role of collaborative science and other current Delta activities with robust interagency components. Implementing agencies will be asked to discuss their priorities in the Delta, highlight progress, and work to address the shared challenges of advancing the coequal goals.

Enclosed, please find the agenda and other materials for your information. I look forward to participating with you at the meeting on April 9th.

Sincerely,

Randy Fiorini
Chairman

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

– CA Water Code §85054